**The Study of James: Contend for the Faith**

**The Heart of Wisdom - James 3:13-18**

**The Meekness of Wisdom:**

*"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom."*

 (James 3:13)

**The wise expert.**

**The characteristics of an expert:**

* Good conduct.
* Meek.

**Counterfeit Wisdom:**

*"14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice."* (James 3:14–16)

**The deception of the counterfeit wisdom**

**The identity of the counterfeit wisdom**

**The product of the counterfeit wisdom**

**Divine Wisdom:**

*"17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."*

(James 3:17–18)

**The heart of wisdom:**

First pure: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The characteristics of purity:

1. Peaceable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Gentle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Reasonable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Fruitful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Merciful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Impartial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Sincere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The product of divine wisdom:**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Define the word “meekness” and discuss the implications to your life. (James 3:13)
2. Discuss with your group the counterfeit wisdom. (James 3:14-16)
3. Define each characteristic of divine wisdom and discuss each with your group. (James 3:17)
4. What would peace presented in James 3:18 look like in our practical lives?